

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

The invention relates to a method of treating functional bowel disorders in a subject in need of treatment. The method comprises administering to a subject in need of treatment a therapeutically effective amount of a compound that has 5-HT₃ receptor antagonist activity and NorAdrenaline Reuptake Inhibitor (NARI) activity. The invention further relates to a method of treating a functional bowel disorder in a subject in need thereof, comprising coadministering to said subject a first amount of a 5-HT₃ antagonist and a second amount of a NARI, wherein the first and second amounts together comprise a therapeutically effective amount or are each present in a therapeutically effective amount. In addition, the method of the invention comprises administering a NARI alone. The functional bowel disorders which can be treated according to the method of the invention include IBS, functional abdominal bloating, functional constipation and functional diarrhea.